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SSM RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IDENTIFIED
BAOJI SSM RTP, CHINA

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** AN SSM RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSSHIPMENT POINT (RTP) HAS BEEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED 9 KM EAST OF BAOJI IN CENTRAL CHINA. THE BAOJI SSM RTP POSSIBLY SERVES THE TAIBAI STRATEGIC STORAGE FACILITY [REDACTED] A SUSPECTED MISSILE [REDACTED] STORAGE FACILITY.

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2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** THE BAOJI RTP CONTAINS A HIGH-BAY TRANSLOADING BUILDING SIMILAR IN SIZE AND CONFIGURATION TO ONES CONSTRUCTED AT THE LUOYANG SSM RTP [REDACTED] AND AT THE FENGZHOU GUIDED MISSILE ENGINE PLANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THIS SPECIALIZED BUILDING IS USED TO TRANSLOAD MISSILES AND OTHER ITEMS OF GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (GSE) TO AND FROM RAILCARS AND ROAD VEHICLES. THE BAOJI TRANSLOADING BUILDING HAS A RAIL AND ROAD ENTRANCE AT BOTH ENDS OF THE BUILDING. IT PROBABLY CONTAINS AN OVERHEAD TRAVELING CRANE TO ASSIST IN TRANSFERRING THE EQUIPMENT. THE BAOJI RTP ALSO CONTAINS 17 WAREHOUSES, THREE OPEN STORAGE YARDS AND A HOUSING AREA. THE HOUSING AREA CONTAINS SIX BARRACKS, THREE MESSHALLS, AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND SEVEN SUPPORT BUILDINGS. TWO RAIL SPURS ENTER THE RTP AND BOTH HAVE CONCRETE SIDE AND END LOADING DOCKS.

(S/D) THE RTP WAS INITIALLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN MID-1968; NO CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED IN NOVEMBER 1966. THE MISSILE AND GSE TRANSLOADING BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN DECEMBER 1970 AND JULY 1972, AFTER THE REST OF THE FACILITY HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND WAS IN OPERATION. IMAGERY OF THE RTP HAS BEEN INFREQUENT AND MOSTLY OF LOW AND MEDIUM RESOLUTION. UNTIL 1979 NO MISSILE GSE WAS DISCERNIBLE. ON [REDACTED] A PROBABLE TYPE A MISSILE RAILCAR WAS OBSERVED PROTRUDING FROM THE TRANSLOADING BUILDING. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TWO PROBABLE TYPE A RAILCARS WERE OBSERVED, ONE OUTSIDE EACH END OF THE BUILDING. NO OTHER MISSILE RAILCARS OR GSE HAS BEEN DISCERNIBLE. SINCE 1968 LARGE AMOUNTS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND FIVE TO TEN GENERAL PURPOSE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN OPEN STORAGE AREAS

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OF THE RTP. TWO LARGE CRAWLER CRANES WERE ALSO PRESENT.

(S/D) NO OTHER STRATEGIC MISSILE DEPLOYMENT, EITHER LAUNCH SITES OR MISSILE BASES, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THIS REGION OF CHINA. THE NEAREST IDENTIFIED MISSILE DEPLOYMENT IS AT LUONING (LUONING SSM LAUNCH SITE 2, [REDACTED] OVER 400 KM FROM THIS RTP. HOWEVER, THE TAIBAI STRATEGIC STORAGE FACILITY, AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE FACILITY, IS LOCATED 60 KM SOUTH OF THE BAOJI SSM RTP. AN IMPROVED ROAD, MOSTLY PAVED, CONNECTS THE TWO INSTALLATIONS. THE TAIBAI FACILITY HAS SOME CHARACTERISTICS THAT INDICATE IT IS FOR STORING MISSILES OR MISSILE GSE. IT CONTAINS FIVE DRIVE-IN CAVES, EACH OF WHICH HAVE CLAMSHELL SHAPED BLAST DOORS, AND A SET OF RAIL GUIDES WHICH EXTEND FROM THE ENTRANCE. TO DATE, NO MISSILE GSE HAS BEEN DISCERNED AT TAIBAI. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 34-22-03N 107-16-01E

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